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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Intelligence Information Staff,
Requirements Branch

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ATTENTION:

THROUGH: Chief, Industrial Division, ORR

FROM: Chief, Medium Machinery Branch, D/I

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SUBJECT: Evaluation of photographs --

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1. Machine Tools

Due to our present state of knowledge of the Soviet Bloc machine tool industries, photographs of equipment such as those included in [REDACTED] are only of limited value. Under the best of conditions photographs are of limited value unless accompanied by comments on workmanship and specific technical features made by competent technical personnel. The one condition in which general photography of this sort is valuable is when the photographs show new models not previously known to have been in production. However, all of the machine tools shown in these photographs are familiar to this branch.

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2. The collection of machine tool serial and model numbers does have a good potential, and can over a period of time provide a basis for estimating production and the product mix.

3. Textile Machinery

These photographs are of very little value because of the low priority accorded to textile machinery.

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